(text box: 1)BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE METHODOLOGY FOR DETER-MINING U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.’S COST OF EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS). | )))))) | CASE NO.  USW-T-98-3NOTICE OF HEARINGON JOINT MOTIONORDER NO. 27621 |

On April 10, 1998, the Commission issued an Order in Case Nos. GNR-T-96-5,

GNR-T-97-7 and ROK-T-97-1 establishing this case in which the Commission will resolve all issues pertaining to extended area service (EAS) cost compensation for U S WEST Communications, Inc.  Order No. 27450.  On June 26, 1998, U S WEST and the Commission Staff filed a Joint Motion to Adopt a Stipulation and Settle­ment Agreement resolving all issues in this case and making further formal proceedings unnecessary.  U S WEST and Staff requested oral argument and hearing.  They further requested that pre-filed testimony of Staff witness Joseph W. Cusick and U S WEST witness John Souba be made part of the Commission record.  All parties were timely served.  No party filed any objection.

The Commission sets oral argument and hearing to consider this Joint Motion for

July 15, 1998.  Pursuant to Commission Rule 241, the Commission finds that public necessity requires the hearing to be held earlier than on fourteen (14) days notice, because the issues that are involved in this case directly impact all outstanding EAS cases in which U S WEST is a party.  Moreover, a settlement conference was held on June 24, 1998, and all parties were given the opportunity to participate.  No party has filed an objection to this Stipulation and Settlement.

NOTICE OF HEARING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Commission will convene a hearing in this case on WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1998 AT 10:00  A.M. AT THE OFFICES OF THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, 472 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BOISE, IDAHO.  The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Staff’s and U S WEST’s Joint Motion to Adopt a Stipulation and Settlement resolving all issues in this case.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this hearing will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.  Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance of the kind that the Commission is obligated to provide under the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in or to understand the testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the hearing.  The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED  that the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that notice be given on less than fourteen (14) days notice.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho

this                  day of July 1998.

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                                                                                            RALPH NELSON, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Myrna J. Walters

Commission Secretary

**COMMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS**

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Service Date

July 7, 1998